

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to modify the areas of focus for centers of excellence at 1890 Institutions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “1890s Advancing and
5 Building Leadership and Excellence Opportunity Act of
6 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AT 1890 INSTITUTIONS.**

2 Section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
3 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5926(d)) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “but not
6 more than 10” after “not less than 3”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(G) CLIMATE CHANGE.—A center of ex-
10 cellence established under paragraph (1) may
11 focus on climate change adaption and mitiga-
12 tion, soil health and carbon sequestration, nu-
13 trient and manure management, advanced graz-
14 ing management and crop-livestock integration,
15 perennial production systems, agroforestry, on-
16 farm and food system energy efficiency and re-
17 newable energy production, and food waste re-
18 duction.

19 “(H) FORESTRY RESILIENCE AND CON-
20 SERVATION.—A center of excellence established
21 under paragraph (1) may focus on fostering
22 forest conservation, agroforestry, enhancing for-
23 est resilience to climate change, and urban and
24 community forestry programs to promote bio-
25 diversity and environmental health.

1 “(I) FOOD SAFETY, BIOPROCESSING, AND
2 VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE.—A center of ex-
3 cellence established under paragraph (1) may
4 focus on food safety, bioprocessing, value-added
5 agriculture enterprise development, and innova-
6 tive food and agriculture product development.

7 “(J) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
8 AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.—A center of excel-
9 lence established under paragraph (1) may
10 focus on the integration of the social sciences,
11 including economics, psychology, rural soci-
12 ology, and other social sciences and data
13 sciences, into the food and agricultural sciences
14 to develop comprehensive solutions to issues im-
15 pacting underserved farmers and commu-
16 nities.”; and

17 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$10,000,000
18 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-
19 serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
20 through 2028”.